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SUBJ: BURMESE POPPY DESTRUCTION CAMPAIGN

1. THE BURMESE ANNOUNCED IN THE PRESS FEBRUARY 20 THE DESTRUCTION OF 8302 ACRES OF OPIUM POPPIES IN THE SHAN STATE SINCE OPERATION TAUNG HTAIK PAN (HILLTOP FLOWER), THE POPPY DESTRUCTION CAMPAIGN, BEGAN ON DECEMBER 10. BY FAR THE LARGEST AMOUNT, 5915 ACRES, WAS REPORTED DESTROYED IN THE SOUTHERN SHAN STATE AROUND LOIKAW. IN THE NORTHERN ST, 5-53, AROUND LASHIO, 1414 ACRES WERE REPORTED DESTROYED; IN THE EASTERN SHAN STATE, AROUND KENG TUNG AND NEAR THE THAI BORDER, 752 ACRES; AND IN THE CENTRAL SHAN STATE, AROUND TAUNG GYI, 221 ACRES.

2. THESE FIGURES ARE NOT COMPLETE, AS THE CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE AT LEAST THROUGH THE END OF FEBRUARY, AND SOME POPPIES HAVE ALSO BEEN DESTROYED OUTSIDE THE SHAN STATE.

3. AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE CAMPAIGN IS BEING DIRECTED BY THE PEOPLE'S POLICE FORCE. IT UTILIZES ARMY UNITS AND THE BURMA SOCIALIST PROGRAM PARTY ORGANIZATION AS WELL AS POLICE
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FORCES.

4. THE PRESS HAS ALSO REPORTED SOME EFFORTS AT CROP SUBSTITUTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POPPY DESTRUCTION EFFORTS, SUCH AS WEEK-LONG AGRICULTURAL TRAINING COURSES FOR SOME OF THE HILL TRIBE FARMERS WHO FORMERLY GREW POPPIES.
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